

Humility May Get You to Heaven But Success on Earth Requires a Reasonable Amount of Self Esteem, But an Overcharge of Egotism Is Fatal

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—20 to 25 tons of hay. Sale must be made at once. Inquire of William H. Williams, Insurance, over Woodworth's store. Phone 80-R-231-34. 6116

FOR SALE—Good substantial 8 room house on lot 100 ft. wide. Water, gas, sewer, concrete walks, extra good cellar, side roof, all in best of repair. This property will rent for \$12.00 per month. Owner expects to leave town. Has made very low price if sold before January 1st. \$4,490-\$500 cash—balance on mortgage. Nash & Hutchins. 6115

NOTICE—Save the Trade-Marks from Babbit's Cleaner, Babbitt's 1776 Soap Powder, Babbitt's Lye, Babbitt's White Flour, Soap and Babbitt's Best Soap. Bring 50 to Winochough by for Christmas Doll. 5023

FOR SALE—A Smith Premier Typewriter No. 5, with Tabulating Attachment, Long Carriage and Two Color Ribbon. But little used. The Price is \$25. W. A. Root, 121 South St. 5017

FOR SALE—One eight room house Arlington St. Inquire of J. A. Doolittle, 57 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt. 4725

FOR SALE—One 1915 Ford Touring car equipped with stock accessories at a low price. Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams. 4117

FOR SALE—A first class dental office all equipped, doing fine business in one of the largest cities in Vermont. Address Denial, Bennington Office. 4225

FOR SALE—A customer has left with us a Ford Touring car in need of some overhauling which he is in the best of repair. It is a very low price will be accepted. The Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams. 4117

FOR SALE—Don't pay rent \$15.00 per month for 20 years, with interest, amounts to \$2,721.32. Buy a lot and save it. I can sell you a building lot on Main St. Front St. St. Weeks St., Derry St., Putnam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Dunham St., Everett St., Concord St., Monument Ave. and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Agt. 5017

FOR SALE—The home property of Harry and Adeline Bates located on Branch St. only a short distance from Main St. Trolley. House has 9 rooms, all modern improvements including heat, and is in the best of repair. Has frontage on Branch St. of 60 ft. and depth of 145 ft. with extra building lot on edge of extension, hard, good garden variety of fruit, nice lawn and shade. This is a very desirable home property can be bought very reasonable if sold before January 1st. for price and full information see, Nash & Hutchins. 4117

FOR SALE—See us before January 1st, regarding the home place of Joseph Dwyer located on Dunham Ave. Just a step from the village limits. Property consists of 1 acre of good land, that can be cut up into three good building lots and still leave enough to go with home property, modern 9 room house, in excellent repair, good barn, water shed, fine variety of fruit, good water, in fact one of the best bargains in Bennington today. This property will be sold before January 1st, to settle the estate, price is very reasonable, possession given at once. Nash & Hutchins. 4117

For Sale—Several single and double houses, building lots, farms, store on Main street good location for business, apartment over store, rents collected, property cared for. Several houses to rent, good location. Insurance of every kind. Close this year by taking an endowment, due in 15 or 20 years. H. N. Williams, Tel. 139-V. 61125

WANTED

WANTED—Experienced young lady as clerk in dry goods store. State experience and references. Address Banner, Box M. 234. 61124

WANTED—Capable girl for housework at Vermont Soldiers Home. 5017

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Apply W. H. Myers, 208 Valantine St. 61117

Wanted—Competent woman for general housework. Telephone 488-R. 61104

WANTED—Pupil nurses at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Mr. Arthur Goss, Sup't., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass. 5017

Wanted—Men to learn to drive and repair automobiles and be prepared to fill vacancies at good salaries. Write for special offer, Maine Auto Company, 779 Forest Ave., Portland, Maine. 50125

WANTED—Sellers wanted; Catholic to introduce best Catholic proposition on the market. \$100 money can be made by hosts. Bendley Brothers, 303 Main St., New York City. 60114

TO RENT

FOR RENT—I offer for rent, a small apartment, steam heated store in the firewater building on North street, being the store lately occupied by a Candy Kitchen. Charles N. Powers, Agent for the property. 61117

TO RENT—Furnished rooms, hot water heat, electric lights and bath. Mrs. J. T. Remington, 400 Hillside St. 62

TO RENT—Tenement. Apply E. S. Harris, 121 Division St. 2117

TO RENT—Six room tenement on Elm St. Apply to William J. Menzies. 60117

TO RENT—Seven room house. 225 Putnam street. Apply Edward R. Dewey. 60225

TO RENT—Two houses on Silver St. with all modern improvements. Apply to Melissa H. Mason, 201 South St. 61117

TO RENT—North side of tenement on North St. Branch St. \$5 per month. Inquire Miss Richard Patterson 123 Scott St. 60117

TO RENT—One double and two single office or storerooms with modern improvements in the new Harbo Block on Main St. 9617

TO RENT—Furnished rooms in the firewater building, North St. electric lights, electric heat, etc. Apply Mrs. L. J. Davis on the premises 61239

TO RENT—Fully equipped machine shop connected with Ideal Tour Garage, Carpenter and blacksmith shop, stores, offices and tenements. Geo. M. Hawley, 433 Main St. 511

TO RENT—Three furnished steam-heated rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, in the Levin house, formerly the Lewis Adams house on Pleasant street. Apply to Charles N. Powers, agent for the property. 4417

REWARD

LOST—One stock Certificate of the Press Association, a Vermont Corporation, said certificate being dated February 27th, 1911, being numbered 12 and representing new-treen and one-half shares of Capital Stock of said corporation. Notify Holden and Healy Attorneys, Bennington, Vermont. 60130

BRITAIN IS TO DRAFT ALL ABLE BODIED UNMARRIED MEN

Cabinet Agrees Modified Form of Conscription Bill

PREMIER'S PLEDGE HOLDS GOOD

Married Men Will Be Exempt if It Is Found Necessary to Force "Slackers" into Service.

London, Dec. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the Cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of Conscription bill, to be introduced in the House of Commons next week, giving the Government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and keep Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting, although it failed to obtain an agreement of all the Ministers on the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force might become necessary before all eligible single men were effectively brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in Parliament in order that the Government might have the necessary power, should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the House of Commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under the Derby scheme.

The anti-conscriptionist Ministers offered strong opposition, and it is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely now.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Given at the Y. M. C. A. For the Home Corners.

Last evening over one hundred young people gathered at the Y. M. C. A. for a social evening. The idea was to hold something of a reception by the stay-at-homes for those away at school or employed out of town, and there was a good mixture of both classes.

The early part of the evening was given to games, for which no place in town excels the Y. M. C. A., with its bowling alleys, billiard tables, ping-pong, shuffle-board, miniature bowling alley, etc. The young women improved the opportunity to have a chance at these games and the boys were willing tutors.

Musie was furnished by Hurley's orchestra, and dancing took place in the gymnasium. The older people present made frequent comment on the charm which the presence of the young women brought to the building, and it was agreed upon that the association should naturally promote activities in which both sexes can participate.

The evening was planned by a committee consisting of Cebra Graves, Haviland Sibley, Charles Mills, McLean Shaksloper, Gordon Orke, Edward Jenney, Fred Austin, George Mathers, William Cone, Eugene Bart and Edmund Howe.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Wilson and Mrs. Homer Webster dispensed irresistible punch and cakes. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles Dewey, Mrs. George Hawks, Mrs. T. A. Davenport, Mrs. R. R. Pilling, Mrs. G. S. Mills, Mrs. Emma Hogel, Mrs. B. A. Cummins and Mrs. F. E. Howe.

The party broke up early in consideration of what had preceded it and what is to follow it in the social whirl of the week. Everybody had a good time, and those who read the poster, "You May Come Again" will be interested to learn that that means something like last night's party is to be a monthly institution at the "Y".

MUTES' TRAGEDY

Olean, N. Y., Dec. 27.—George Peck committed suicide tonight after shooting his wife. Mrs. Peck will recover. The shooting occurred in the presence of their 11-year-old son. The boy said his father and mother who were mutes quarreled in the sign language over Mrs. Peck's desire to bring her mother to Olean.

"SCROOGE'S CHRISTMAS"

Play to Be Given For the Children Friday Afternoon.

There are always plenty of festivities for the older boys and girls during the holiday season, but sometimes little brother and sister are left to find their fun by themselves. This year, a good time has been planned, especially for the younger people in the form of a Christmas Play. The eighth grade pupils will repeat their dramatic representation of Dickens' "Scrooge's Christmas" which was given at the grammar school hall at the close of school under the direction of Miss Mary Robinson. A cast, chosen from the various grades of all the schools will present a dramatization of Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds Christmas Carol" in four acts. Both performances will be given Friday afternoon at Library hall at 3 o'clock. These plays are primarily for the children and will be free, but parents and older friends will be welcome until the full seating capacity of Library hall is taxed.

The cast for Scrooge is as follows:

Scrooge	Wm. Healey
Ned, his nephew	Floyd Wright
Fred's Wife	Kathryn Falley
Solicitor	Ellis Chase
Clerk	Earl Chase
Ernest Boy	Leroy Robinson
Butcher's Boy	Thomas Madigan
Maid	Aileen Briggs

The play pictures the transformation of Scrooge from a grasping, sour old miser into a kind and generous citizen through a revelation of true Christmas spirit.

The Bird's Christmas carols will be given by the following people:

Carol Bird	Elizabeth Lister
Mrs. Bird	Esther Thompson
Uncle Jack	Ned Healey
Mrs. Ruggles	Mrs. William Willis
Sarah Mand	Edith Baker
Peter	Richard Ellwell
Susan	Mary Walter
Cornelius	Joe Brooks
Kitty	Alice Fitzgerald
Peoria	Irene Crawford
Clement	Theodore Paulsen
Ely	May Rose
Larry	John Ayres
Maid	Mary Hitecock

There are few children who have been denied the joy of laughing with the poor but happy Ruggles family or of admiring the sweet and patient Carol Bird. In case there are any children who are unfamiliar with this charming story, Miss Jeanette Perkins will tell the plot leading up to the action of the first act. The doors will be open at 2:30 o'clock.

HOSPITAL TRAIN THEIR GIFT

Two Anonymous Americans Equip Service in France

Paris, Dec. 27.—Two Americans, who do not desire their names to be made public, are furnishing money for the maintenance of a hospital train with a capacity for 240 wounded soldiers, an operation room, a kitchen, a pharmacy, the latest hygienic equipment, with facilities for the renewal of dressings while the train is en route.

The American ambulance at Neuilly will direct and operate the train and will supply two American surgeons and an American manager.

The service will begin on January 15. The cars will be made over from baggage cars of the International Car Company and will carry a full complement of hospital attendants and cooks. The donors also undertake to meet all expenses of the cars and the feeding of the patients. The train will run from designated points behind the front to Paris or other important hospital centers, not necessarily delivering patients to the American Ambulance.

CEMETERIES AS BIRD HOMES

Campaign is Begun by Audubon Societies.

The conversion of all the cemeteries of the country into sanctuaries for birds is the aim of a campaign announced at New York yesterday by the national association of Audubon societies. The association urges the exclusion of hunters and cats from cemeteries so that the birds may be protected. It is hoped also that through the campaign the cemeteries may be made habitable for the birds. There are more than a million acres of land in the United States used as burial grounds and the association hopes to add these to the bird reservations.

TO BORROW MONEY HERE

Russia Will Negotiate a Loan of \$60,000,000 in United States.

Stockholm via London, Dec. 27.—Confirmation has been received here that Russia is to negotiate a loan in the United States for \$60,000,000 for the purpose of paying for supplies ordered in that country. The loan is being arranged by Olof Aschberg, a Stockholm banker, with the Guarantee Trust company of New York.

The agreement has not yet been perfected. M. Aschberg is now in Petrograd.

For Bennington County Development and Improvement—



A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BEE

The neighborhood turned out to help this school win one of the prizes given by the County Association. The contest this year begins December 1st and will run until the end of May, 1916.

NEW VERMONT CORPORATIONS

Bennington Concern Has \$50,000 Stock and Richmond One Has \$10,000

Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state by the following corporations:

Edward L. Sibley Manufacturing company, Inc., of Bennington, with capital stock of \$50,000 divided into 1,000 shares. The company is incorporated to manufacture machines and metal novelties. The subscribers are E. L. Sibley, Della A. Sibley, E. L. Sibley, Jr., Eleanor A. Sibley, Edith P. and Tarrant Sibley, all of Bennington.

Richmond Farmers' Co-operative company, Inc., to deal in milk and milk products with capital stock of \$10,000 with 400 shares. The shareholders are W. C. Fuller, C. S. Goodrich, F. H. Edwards, Fred Whaley, John S. Whitcomb, C. A. Johnson and W. G. Waite, all of Richmond.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT YIELD

Reply to an Latest Note Contains No Concessions.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Unofficial notices received yesterday confirmed with intimations from aboard that Austria's forthcoming reply to the American note will fail to meet the demands of the United States, and Tontonic diplomatic circles there were authoritatively represented as being prepared for a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries. Various developments, it was agreed might avoid such an eventuality, but none of the counter-proposals which it has been intimated the Vienna foreign office might advance have been regarded so far as coming within Secretary Lansing's renewal of the demands for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander who sunk the Ancona, with the loss of more than a dozen American lives. Now that the situation, after being dormant nearly two weeks, is again beginning to take on the aspect of a crisis, the status of the negotiations of the United States over submarine warfare against merchantmen, not with Austria alone, but with the Tontonic powers as allies, is commanding attention.

BULGARS PLAN FOR SERBIA

Question of Old Monetary System is a Puzzling One.

"Sofia newspapers announce that Bulgaria has decided, pending a return to normal conditions, that all property belonging to the State, Church and schools in occupied Serbian regions shall be administered by the Bulgarian Government. At the same time the Minister of Public Property will, by circulars, indicate to the Presidents of municipalities and the prefects and administrators of the former Kingdom of Serbia the manner of handling public property and property without owner."

"According to information given by Bulgarians will accept Serbian money at 65 per cent., and nickel at 50 per cent. The Austrians are giving only 50 centimes for a dinar. (In normal times a dinar is equal to a franc, 20 cents.)"

"Bulgarian financiers fear that Bulgaria will be flooded with Serbian money, because it is stated, the Serbian National Bank quit the country with a stock of 61,000,000 dinars, leaving 380,000,000 of dinars in paper money among the population. To relieve the misery of the population the Bulgarian Government has applied to Austria and Germany with a view to a settlement of the Serbian monetary question, but the exchanges of views thus far have been without result. The offer of a Sofia bank, saying that it is ready to accept Serbian paper at 60 per cent., is being considered."

MISS BERTHA RUTH LEVIN BRIDE OF MEYER KOHN

Bennington Young Woman Married to Former New York Man

CEREMONY AT FORESTER'S HALL

Brilliant Social Event Last Evening Attended by Many Prominent Residents of the Village.

Miss Bertha Ruth Levin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levin of North street, and Meyer Kohn, a former resident of New York, were married at 9:15 last evening in the presence of one of the largest and most brilliant gatherings of Hebrew people seen in Bennington in many months. The ceremony, which took place at Forester's hall, was also witnessed by a considerable number of residents of the village, personal friends of the bride and her family, who were the most intensely interested observers of the service for the reason that it was so strikingly different from the ritual used in their own marriage ceremonies.

To the strains of the bridal chorus, played by Donnelly's orchestra, the bride party marched to the altar which had been erected under a silk canopy at the head of the hall. First came the rabbi, Rev. H. M. Lasker of Troy, followed by the ushers, the flower girls Bessie Levin and Lillian Cantor, the bride and bridegroom and the bride's attendants.

The bride wore white tulle. Her veil of tulle was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Anna Levin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore yellow tulle and carried red roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Rosenthal of Boston who wore white tulle, Miss Molly Mintz of New York who wore pink and white tulle, Miss Jessie Mintz of New York who wore pink and white tulle, Miss Minnie Gertrude Levin, sister of the bride, who wore pink tulle and Miss Pauline Schwartz of New York who wore white crepe de chine.

The ushers were Samuel and Morris Levin, Abe Noveck, Nathan Satter and Louis Levin and Max Kohn of New York.

Following the ceremony the grand march formed and the guests then assembled in the parlor where an elaborate dinner of several courses was served. A conspicuous feature was the mammoth and elaborately decorated wedding cake at the head of the table at which the bride and bridegroom were seated.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mintz and family, Mrs. Ike Shulman, Mrs. J. Ruskin, Louis Ruskin, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gordon and son, Mrs. Louis Schwartz and son, Miss Clara Kohn and Miss Pauline Schwartz of New York, Mrs. Abram Sher of Tottenville, N. Y., Mrs. Harris Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snyder, Barney Snyder, Miss Rose Snyder and Louis Ward of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson of Pittsfield, Miss Ray Dembrosky of Troy, Charles Flenberg of Albany, Mrs. Morris Kronick, Mrs. Joseph Kerson and son, Samuel, Mrs. A. Less, Charles Kronick, Joseph Kronick, Miss Esther Chaim, Miss Anna Mamer, Herman Green, Samuel Green, Miss Lillian Green and Miss Anna Green of North Adams, Misses Anna and Jennie Rudnick and Louis and Morris Rudnick of Williamstown, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schindlitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Shindlitzky of Hoosick Falls, Peter, Louis and Harold Schiff of Adams and Yale Sauson of Jeannette, Pa.

Eight o'clock was the hour set for the service but because of the inability of a number of the New York guests to reach the hall at that time there was a delay of more than an hour which was enjoyably utilized by the young people in dancing. Immediately following the ceremony some of the matrons formed a circle and demonstrated to the rising generation how one should dance and dance right at a wedding. The exhibition was roundly applauded.

The bride, who is the daughter of one of Bennington's prosperous merchant tailors, received her education in the Bennington public schools and at the Ellis business college and since receiving her diploma from the latter institution has been employed in the offices of a number of the local business men. Her work has brought her in daily contact with an unusually large number of lo-

INDICT EIGHT MEN FOR MUNITIONS STRIKE PLOT

Congressman Buchanan of Illinois in the List

NO WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

District Attorney Expects Suspected German Sympathizers Will Voluntarily Appear.

New York, Dec. 29.—Eight men, including a congressman, a former corner attorney-general of Ohio, were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munition factories as part of a campaign, financed by the German government to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies. The men indicted were Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, former Congressman H. Robert Fowler of Illinois, Frank S. Monnett, former attorney-general of Ohio, H. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor. All of the men, except Von Rintelen and Lamar, are officers or former officers of labor's national peace council.

The government charges that this organization was financed by Franz von Rintelen, a German agent, to instigate strikes in munition plants while ostensibly working in the interests of international peace. Von Rintelen is at present a prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as the "wolf of Wall street," is said to have been his paymaster.

No warrants were issued for the arrest of any of the indicted men, as District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall stated that he had reason to believe most of the defendants would appear voluntarily to enter pleas.

The indictment of Monnett was the sensation of the grand jury's proceedings. The bills against his seven co-defendants had been predicted for several weeks, but Monnett's name had never been mentioned. According to federal officials, Monnett, Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar were indicted as the leaders in the alleged conspiracy.

Von Rintelen, according to United States secret service agents, finally discovered that he was pouring out his money to no result except to enrich the men he employed as his agents. Some strikes were called, but they failed to have any important effect on the exportation of munitions. The German agent decided to leave the country.

When Von Rintelen was taken prisoner by the British a mass of documents were also seized and turned over to the American authorities. Acting on the information obtained from these papers an investigation was started into the activities of the peace council.

The indictments yesterday are the final results of the grand jury's work which has lasted four months.

HATCH RELEASED ON BAIL

Will Be Tried for Murder of Brown St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 27.—Harlow Hatch, held for the murder of Sumner G. Brown in the former's pool room here last July, was released today under bonds of \$5000 furnished by several of the young man's friends. He has been in jail since he was captured by deputy sheriffs two days after the crime was committed. A grand jury in Caledonia County court indicted Hatch for manslaughter two weeks ago and bail was fixed at that time. As no motive can be established for the crime, bail is allowable. It is expected that Hatch's trial will begin early in January.

WEATHER

For eastern New York and western Vermont, rain or sleet in south portion. Probable snow in north portion. Thursday, fair, east shifting to west wind.

cal people whose respect and esteem she has won. Mr. Kohn has been in the employ of Mr. Levin for nearly a half dozen years and has proved himself to be an industrious young man of good character and habits. A host of friends will wish the young couple a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Kohn were the recipients of a large number of beautiful and useful presents consisting of silver, glass, china and money. Upon returning from a honeymoon trip to New York and Boston they will reside on School street.